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Mr. Jeff Clark
Cherokee County Solid Waste Director
c/o Cherokee County Courthouse
75 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC 28906

Dear Mr. Clark

This letter is in response to your inquiry of the training requirements for managers and operators of a municipal solid waste landfill. Permit Number 20-02 issued to Cherokee County on December 7, 2010 states in Part I: Operation Conditions, Section 13:

“The facility operator must complete an approved operator training course in compliance with NCGS 130A-309.25.

- a. A responsible individual certified in landfill operations must be on-site during all times of operation to ensure compliance with operational requirements.
- b. All pertinent landfill-operating personnel must receive training and supervision necessary for proper operation of the landfill units in accordance with NCGS 130A-309.25 and addressed by memorandum dated November 29, 2000.”

I have included a copy of North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 130A-309.25 for your reference. In order for a MSW landfill facility to be compliance with General Statute, The North Carolina Division of Waste Management/Solid Waste Section has approved two courses: the North Carolina Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Landfill Operations Specialist Course and Manager of Landfill Operations Course (MOLO). A certification is for a specified period of time and must be renewed.

A minimum of one person who has completed the SWANA Manager of Landfill Operations Course is required to be part of the facility staff (but does not have to be present at the facility). If a MOLO certified person is not at the facility during operating hours then with a Landfill Operations Specialist certification must be present.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (828) 296-4701.

Sincerely,

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